

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Fancy Spanish mackerel at Eaten Market.

Mrs. John Knapp is confined to the house by illness.

W. A. Purdy of Manchester was in town Tuesday on business.

Principal F. D. Mabrey of the high school has been suffering from neuritis.

Mrs. Alice Gardner is ill of acute indigestion at her home on Gage street.

Mrs. C. H. Dewey and daughter, Miss Martha Dewey, are in New York for a week.

John R. Burton of Elm street is assisting in the office of Perry & Keese-naw this week.

Dr. D. V. O'Donnell is again able to be out during the day, after a several weeks illness.

Miss Lucy Cutting is more comfortable today. She has been ill for a few days with a bilious attack.

The board of civil authority met this morning at the town headquarters for the abatement of taxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Jones have returned to their home in Petersburg after a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Agan.

The Bennington City Band will give a dance in Black Cat A. A. hall Friday evening. McGuire's orchestra will furnish music.

Miss Elizabeth Cameron has resigned as nurse at the Putnam Memorial hospital and has returned to her home in Burlington.

Miss Florence Howe of the Albany City hospital has become a member of the nursing staff at the Putnam Memorial hospital.

Tony Mellas, who used to reside in town, returned here last week to get his family and left Sunday for Philadelphia, where he has employment.

E. W. Williams left Tuesday for Worcester. He will also go on to Boston before attending the automobile show which is in progress in New York this week.

Augustus Lawrence, high school student, who has been entertaining the flu germ, is getting along nicely, and will be free from his undesirable guest soon.

Miss Eva Pellerin of McKinley street resumed work this week for the E. Z. Walcott company. She has been kept indoors the past two weeks by the flu.

The books and papers of the local municipal court are being moved today from the office of Holden & Henley to the office of the new judge, William J. Meagher.

Mrs. James A. Eddy and daughter, Miss Ruth Eddy of Troy, and summer residents of Old Bennington, have gone to Florida where they will spend the next two months.

Don't fail to see "Lafayette, We Come," at the opera house tomorrow afternoon and evening. Prices, afternoon children under 12, 10c; adults 20c. Evening, children, 20c; adults 25c.

Mrs. J. Crissey of Jamestown, N. Y., was the recent guest of her daughter, Miss Elsie Crissey, teacher of domestic science in the high school. Mrs. Crissey and husband had been called to Troy because of the illness of their son, Leonard.

Capt. John H. Ayres, who was recently released from the service, is visiting at his former home here. He is undecided regarding the future but may return to the government service in Manila where he was stationed before entering the army.

Corporal Ray Dinwiddie, a former resident, is spending a ten-day furlough with his sister, Mrs. Arthur J. Dewey, and brother, Elmer Dinwiddie, Corp. Dinwiddie is a member of Co. F. of the 20th infantry which is stationed in West Virginia at present, guarding a powder mill. He left Bennington some time ago and went to Berwyn, Neb., from which place he entered the service.

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WIPING OUT ALL TRACES OF WAR

Thrifty French Already Cleaning Up Battle Ground to Plant Grain.

TASK MOST DIFFICULT ONE

Removing of Barbed Wire Entanglements Is No Easy Matter—Narrow Gauge Railways Being Torn Up and Trenches Filled In.

Paris.—Eradication of all traces of the 52 months' war has already begun everywhere along the old stationary front which marked the line of the opposing armies since the inception of a war of position.

Barbed wire entanglements are being torn up, trenches are being filled in, camouflage is being taken down, narrow-gauge railways removed, and shell dumps and other deposits for material being transported away.

This is the first time that any field fortifications have been permitted to be touched by the civilian population.

Even after the Germans had been driven from the Chateau Thierry region south of the Marne to north of the Vesle, the military authorities refused to permit barbed wire to be taken up or earthworks filled in.

In most cases this work is being done by civilians, but everywhere with the release of the older classes of French soldiers and the numerous reformers—wounded discharged from the army—there are enough men familiar with field works to supervise the removal of them.

Difficult Work.

It is no easy matter for the novice to pull up barbed wire, and in places, particularly in the Juvigny region north of the Aisne, where the Thirty-second division fought with General Maunin's superb Fourth army and won for themselves the sobriquet of "The Tigers," the entanglements cover hundreds of acres; the belts being hundreds of yards in depth. This wire dates back from September, 1914, and is rusty and dangerous to handle, owing to the presence of tetanus microbes. The newer "giant German wire," the strands of which are a quarter of an inch thick and which bristle with barbs, is equally hard to remove.

The old wide trenches which were in vogue earlier in the war before the development of the mine-warfare as an accurate piece of ordnance, are hard to fill in, as their parapets have been washed away by rains and blasted to bits of shellfire. They are like great ditches, furrowing the earth in every direction. The newer, narrower trenches, shored with timber and provided with duckboard floors are easier to fill in. The thrifty French first pull out the shoring and let the rain act on the trenches for a couple of weeks. In which time they invariably fall in, then they shovel over the top, smoothing it off.

No attempts are made to fill in the dugouts, the entrances merely being boarded up and covered over. In many of these German dugouts there are infernal machines and man traps likely to explode when the first person enters. Loose boards on the stairs or bits of string stretched across the entrance set off explosives. In many other dugouts there are corpses of friends or foes, killed underground by bombs hurled down the exits.

All roads in the zone where the opposing armies have swung back and forth are lined with fox holes, as the American doughboys call the tiny shelter caves they are taught to dig with bayonets and mess kits and which provide such wonderful shelter against shrapnel. Everywhere in the belt of terrain marking the extreme limits of the passage of the fighting troops there are endless rows of these fox holes dug into the ditches beside the roads. They tell the silent tales of bodies of troops on the march spied out by enemy airplanes or captive balloons and caught under concentrated fire by many batteries. Then the men are ordered to take cover, and since there is none to take they must improvise their own shelter.

Dig In Quickly.

It is a remarkable sight to see how fast a soldier can dig a cave that will shelter his body with no implements but a bayonet and mess kit. They loosen the earth with the bayonet and scoop it out with the big, long-handled tin cup, sometimes working with the skillet in the other hand.

Only light, Decauville railways are being taken up, all standard gauge lines which have been laid since the war remaining in position until such time as the administration determines what shall be done with them.

Few pieces of artillery remain in their emplacements, nearly all of those which were overlooked in capture during attacks having been dragged out of their pits and placed in the public square of the nearest French town or village. But there are still hundreds of thousands of live shells, hand grenades and millions of rounds of small arms ammunition lying about everywhere. The earth is pitted with holes made by "duds" which explode the first time the farmer's plow strikes against them.

Despite that, however, the thrifty French are cleaning up their country, preparing for the sowing of crops next spring.

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ADDED PAY FOR SOLDIERS

Thousands of Claims May Be Settled Quickly.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Thousands of claims for additional pay by discharged soldiers whose records were complete at the time they were mustered out may be settled quickly by the war department under a ruling by the Comptroller of the Treasury to that effect. These claims are to be adjusted without passing through the usual complicated auditing channels.

SPARTACANS SEIZE BUILDINGS

State of Siege Proclaimed in Koenigsburg.

Copenhagen, Feb. 4.—A majority of the government buildings in Koenigsburg, East Prussia, have been seized by the Spartacans from Berlin. The Governor of East Prussia has declared a state of siege in the Thorn district and has instituted court martial.

GREEK TERRITORIAL INTERESTS

Supreme Council Agrees to Refer Venizelos Questions.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The supreme council agreed that questions of Premier Venizelos concerning Greek territorial interests in the peace settlement should be referred to a commission experts to make recommendations for a just settlement.

The commission is to be composed of two representatives each from the United States, Britain, France and Italy.

Waxing Wooden Dishes.

If wooden dishes are to be waxed to render them impervious, they should be made of a good quality of pine or deal with an even grain, and the inside should be sandedpapered quite smooth.

Then, says "Camera Craft," while the dish is being made thoroughly warm, to just a little short of the scorching point, using an ordinary kitchen oven, the wax should be melted and heated in a water bath on top of the fire.

With both the dish and the wax as hot as can be conveniently handled, the coating is applied with a brush that is not too stiff, as evenly as possible, working in a warm atmosphere. When the fire has gone out the dish may be put back in the oven, so that the wood will absorb more of the wax than it otherwise would, leaving it there until the next morning.

With a little practice one is able to make a workmanlike job; and such dishes, particularly for large sizes, make a great saving in expense.

A Sad World.

I am cursed with good manners. I cannot grab for food. I cannot take the choice morsel of a dish. I instinctively choose the most uncomfortable seat. I make way for others at the ticket office. I let everyone push ahead of me to secure the remaining seats of a subway coach. I suffer when forced to take a proffered seat. I do not interfere with the conversation of shoppers behind the counter. I wait. I accept invitations from "persons" desirous of showing off their homes or their cash in restaurants. I listen patiently to platitudes of the young, or to the discoveries of Oscar Wilde and Bernard Shaw. I agree that men are vainier than women. I smile upon annoying children. I admire the comeliness of all the women I know. Unless hysterical, I never inquire of my love where he has been, whither going, or whom he has seen. I give everyone the preference of liberty. I lose opportunities.—G. Vere Taylor in Judge.

Think of Yourself.

You cannot reach a high degree of success in anything without making enemies.

Perhaps your lack of success has been caused by this very feeling that you desire to make and retain your friends.

You might have improved your position many times, but you feared the ill feeling engendered in certain circles with your advancement.

There are times in the lives of all men when they must choose between what is for their own best interest and their friends, and this does not mean that it is a case of taking advantage of friends—merely displeasing them.

Perhaps it is a principle of business involved—perfectly honest and honorable, and to your financial credit—but what would your friends think if you took the decisive step?

Loyal, but Not Honest.

How a man may be honorable in big things but dishonorable in lesser is shown by the story told of Prince Charles Edward, the Pretender. After the Pretender's defeat at the battle of Culloden Moor in 1746, the prince took refuge in the home of a Scottish peasant. There was a reward of £30,000 for the capture of the fugitive, but, although the peasant knew this he did not betray his royal guest. Later, this same peasant, who had scorned to possess himself of great wealth by disloyal means, stole a cow, and was tried, convicted and hanged, stealing being a capital offense in those days.

Useless Precaution.

"I told the minister to leave the word 'obey' out of the marriage ceremony."

"You needn't have taken the trouble. He is a man who doesn't believe in wasting words."

To Protect the Trees.

From Bordeaux comes a description of a new method of protecting fruit trees against late spring frosts. This consists of spraying them with a chemical mixture called agelarine, said by its maker to be compounded from the juices of certain plants. It is a liquid, and may be handled in the ordinary hand-spray pump, but after it has been applied and exposed to the air it acquires a waxy consistency and has the appearance of a sugared or resinous coating, which is not washed off by rain and lasts for from two to five weeks effectively.

Winter will seem less formidable if prices keep imitating the downward tendency of the thermometer.

To say that prices have sky rocketed is a poor figure of speech. A sky rocket comes down eventually.

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No gripping is the "keynote" of these little sugar-coated, olive-colored tablets. They cause the bowels and liver to act normally. They never force them to unnatural action.

If you have a "dark brown mouth" now and then—a bad breath—a dull, tired feeling—sick headache—torpid liver and are constipated, you'll find quick, sure and only pleasant results from one or two little Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets at bedtime.

Thousands take one or two every night just to keep right. Try them, 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

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Men's RACCOON COATS (pieced)—Reduced to \$22.00 each

Extra heavy STABLE BLANKETS—\$4.25 quality—Reduced to \$3.19 each

Yankee Fawn STREET BLANKETS, 84x90 inches. Value \$7.50—Reduced to \$6.25 ea.

Genuine 5-A Storm KING STREET BLANKETS; weight 8 lbs.—Reduced to \$4.50 ea.

Men's Marmot-lined COATS with Persian Lamb Collar \$39.85

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Chinese Lanterns.

Particularly gay and attractive are the shops of the lantern venders in the Chinese cities. All varieties of lanterns are to be seen—the large silken ones three and four feet high, gorgeously painted with variegated colors, embroidered in gold and silver or decorated with deep fringe of the same material, costing from \$100 to \$200 and used by the wealthy mandarins and others; and common small horn and paper lanterns, used by the coolies, which cost one-sixteenth of a dollar. The mode of making horn lanterns is very ingenious; the horns are cut into remarkably thin slices which, by means of heat and pressure, are joined together and formed into various shapes; round, square, hexagon, octagon, and some shaped to resemble an hour glass.

Precious Salt.

What is known as "radium" is a radium salt, usually either radium bromide or radium chloride, sometimes radium sulphate. They grains of these salts are extremely precious and are usually sealed up in little glass bulbs.

The radium in one of the first bulbs that were received in London had a curious history. A physician in Portland place was applying the bulb to a patient when he accidentally let it fall, and a moment after crushed it under his foot. The value of the radium to the physician was very great. He removed his boots and carpet burned, and out of the ashes refined the original radium salt.

Log 20,000 Years Old.

Not so long ago a workman, 81 feet below the surface of Broadway, near Pine street, in New York city, found a piece of cedar wood that certainly presented a remarkable discovery. The wood was uncovered in excavating for the foundation of a big office building. It was a part of the trunk of a large cedar tree that grew at least 10,000 years ago, and more probably 20,000 years ago!

The wood was within a foot of bedrock, and it was covered with 80 feet of bowlder clay and glacial drift, which showed that the tree from which it came must have flourished before the last great age of ice.

The Piston.

"The piston is in the form of a solid iron rod that enters the cylinder through a hole pierced in the middle of one of the ends," writes Henri Fabre, "and just large enough to give free passage to the rod, without letting the steam escape. This rod is bound to another iron piece, called a crank, and finally the crank is attached to the neighboring wheel. . . . The piston, advancing and retreating in turn in the cylinder, pushes the crank forward and back, and the crank thus makes the great wheel turn. On the other side of the locomotive, the same things are taking place by means of a second cylinder. Then the two great wheels turn at the same time and the locomotive moves forward."

Really Sisterly.

Hortense—I can only be a sister to you, Alphonse.

Alphonse—Then give me back my presents.

Hortense—Why, Alphonse! Who ever heard of a sister being so silly?

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned and the name of "The I. E. Gibson Company" is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Mr. Frank Gallagher purchases the business and will pay all bills now outstanding, if of "The I. E. Gibson Co."

I. E. Gibson, Grant L. Harbour, Frank N. Gallagher, Bennington, Vt., February 1, 1919.

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Benefit From "Melting Pot."

The Alambra, that exquisite Moorish palace at Granada, which our own Washington Irving so graphically describes, is still a silent witness to the beauty and skill of Moorish architects and sculptors. Out of all these alien people who have come to us, who seem so very foreign to us that assimilation seems almost impossible, no doubt we shall derive a benefit just as other countries have benefited in other days. History repeats itself, and America, the great melting pot of the world nations, may bring forth from the crucible men who in the future will do their part to uphold her prestige on land and sea.

GET PREPARED

Our Bodies Must First of All be Prepared Before We Can Serve Our Country as Patriotic Citizens.

At this time of year, when the seasons are changing, we experience our greatest ills. When you catch cold, suffer from indigestion, or if you have aching joints and muscles, or if your skin breaks out—this is a warning that the stomach and blood are in disorder. Why not profit by the experience of others and drive these poisons out and

build up the system with nature's own remedy of roots and herbs, such as GOLDINE, the marvel medicine is made of. In other words, get your body prepared for the winter. This is just as important as it is for you to fill your coal bin. GOLDINE makes your organs healthy, active and vigorous and you will have no more trouble with indigestion, backache, headache and constipation.

Wm. Pinkerton, Ogdenburg, N. Y., has had stomach trouble for some time, ask him what he thinks of GOLDINE.

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